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THE BARRETTS GIVEN FINE PERFORMANCE

With Beverly O'Donnell giving a beautiful and heart-warming interpretation of the role of Elizabeth Barrett and John Mulski gallant and fascinating as her lover, Robert Browning, a cast of twelve members of the Dramatic Club presented Marjorie Carlton's fine play, "The Barretts," before a capacity audience in the College Auditorium last evening.

It was a brilliant performance, with every member of the cast giving an excellent portrayal of his or her role. Besides Miss O'Donnell and Mr. Mulski, Milo Galbraith was seen as Edward Barrett, Ursula Mulcahy, as Henrietta, Dorothy Hackett, as Wilson, Turo Hallfors, as Octav-

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STICK STAFF ATTENDS A.M.S.T.C.P. CONFERENCE

Twelve members of the STICK staff, accompanied by Mr. Hague, faculty sponsor, attended the semi-annual conference of the Association of Massachusetts Teachers Colleges Publications at Salem Teachers College on Friday, Nov. 8.

The conference was opened by a greeting from Jane Preston, Editor of the Salem Log and President Edward A. Sullivan of the Salem Teachers College. Other talks were given by men and women prominent in Massachusetts journalistic fields.

At the business meeting Mary Goode, Editor of the Framingham Gate Post, was elected pres-

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Council Changes Basis for Appropriations to Groups

TO MAKE ALL GRANTS BY PERCENTAGES IN FUTURE

The Student Council has adopted a new system in regard to the appropriating of money to organizations. Beginning next September all money will be appropriated on a percentage basis instead of the initial allotment basis by which the council has been operating under since its inauguration in 1933. The actual percents have as yet not been figured out by the council.

The necessity for the change of system was clearly shown this year. The S.C.A. revenue was \$400 under the amount of money that had been appropriated. This was met from the

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BOOTERS BREAK EVEN IN SIX GAMES; WIN 3, LOSE 3

The F.T.C. Soccer team ended a successful season last Saturday at Mass. State even though it was defeated by a much superior team by the score of 3-0.

In its six game schedule Fitchburg came out even, having won three and lost three. The teams lost a heartbreaking game to Nicholas but the breaks of the game were against them. A.I.C. and Mass. State, two of the best soccer teams in the

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W.A.A. GIRLS ATTEND KEENE PLAY DAY

Keene Teachers College Athletic Association has again invited the Fitchburg Teachers College to participate in their sports day program to be held tomorrow.

FRED WARING IN MOVING PICTURES AT ASSEMBLY

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians will be featured in two moving pictures, "Pleasure Time" and "Tobaccoland, U.S.A.", at the assembly next Tuesday. The pictures were filmed and produced by the Castle Film Co. of New York City.

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Editorial . . .

During the past few weeks, several groups of faculty and students have gone to such places as Rutland, Vt., Boston, and Salem to attend conferences of various associations. These trips, some of them at least, are partly paid for by student funds, and they take some of the class time of the students.

What is the value of all this? There are many students—students who have not attended such meetings, or who did so with no personal aim—who are firm in their conviction that all conferences are mere social gatherings, with no constructive values whatsoever. They believe that these meetings are a wanton waste of time and—what is more important—the students' money.

This idea is a fallacy. If a delegate goes to a conference with a determination to take something back with him, there is much to be gained. One of the bases of all learning is the exchanging of ideas, and at such conferences one has the opportunity to exchange ideas with people whom he would otherwise never meet. Problems we face here can be more ably dealt with if we learn how similar problems have been handled elsewhere. Or the solution may come from the pooling of ideas of delegates from many schools.

There are other, indirect benefits to be gained from conferences. Many of them have people in attendance, such as superintendents and community and state officials, whose interest in our work we must cultivate. When a fine piece of constructive work is done there by representatives of an organization or organizations, these men are deeply impressed and carry away with them a healthy attitude toward the institutions and

The Ash Tray

Now that more than one quarter of the school year has gone by, you've got your schedule pretty straight, your books bought, and you're beginning to feel familiar with this new school year. You've sampled your classes and teachers and know just what they expect of you (and what you can't get away with!).

You've seen the bulletin board with its flocks of notices demanding new recruits for this, that and modern dance! People stop to talk to you and ask you to come out for whatever they're trying to sell, but remember, they aren't getting paid for selling, they're only appealing to your own sense of activity. It's a sort of "Now is the time the aid of extra-curricular activities (A legitimate phrase used to cover about 33 1-3% of your school life!)

Unfortunately, the day covers but twenty four hours; yet, after subtracting eight hours for sleep, two for dressing and undressing, two for meals, six for classes, there still are hours left that aren't *all* spent on homework. However, if you accept every invitation that comes your way, we'll soon be remembering the day when you were one of us. You want, at least, health, a mental foundation, a chance to satisfy your interests, and a good time. If you're a natural born athlete you'll follow your own footsteps, and if not, you'll need to get into some intra-mural sports.

If you aren't athletic, probably you play an instrument or sing, and so the orchestra and Glee Club want you. If you can write, this publication wants you. If you're artistic the Art Club wants you. If you know what's going on, the Debating Club wants you. So, you see, someone wants you, no matter what your interests are. Analyze yourself and discover new friends.

their graduates. Such an attitude helps *all* students when they are looking for positions after graduation.

It would be impossible in the limited space here to enumerate all the direct and indirect benefits to be gained by students in attending conferences. But let us remember that they are many, so do not condemn all conferences as parties paid for by student funds.

Campus Chatter

Can you think back to final exams time last May? Here are some authentic answers made by unwary individuals on exam papers. Do you recognize your talent among any of them? (P.S. The freshmen are exempt!)

Atom: Second president of the U.S.

Jacket: Long eared, horse-like animal.

Gargoyle: Mouth wash.

Kinetic: One of the N.E. states.

Languish: Nation's speech.

Duke: First.

"Compleat Angler": Pen name for Euclid who wrote about angels!

Dodo: Bird nearly "decent"!

Mote and bean: Principal parts of the eye.

Gadget: Anything that is not a whosit.

Chicago: City at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

Millenium: Insect with many legs.

Centennial: Insect with 100 legs.

Glossary: Polish for silverware.

Vacuum: Space made of nothing and filled with nothing.

Dew: Earth's perspiration due to excess speed of rotation.

Steel Wool: Fleece of a hydraulic lamb.

Pence: Trousers.

Elocution: Means of putting criminal to death.

Phoenicians: Makers of window blinds.

Cask: Status of a man in India.

Chivalry: Attitude of a man toward a strange women.

Etc: Sign made to make others think you know more than you do!

Boy With a Band

Anthony Capozzo, a member of the Freshman Class, has toured the United States, Canada, and Central American countries playing with different dance orchestras.

He received his first real "break" in 1935, when he was chosen from a field of about 1000 applicants for a chance to sing on Major Bowe's Amateur Hour. He was one of the winning contestants and received an offer to sing with Georgie Lang's Orchestra. He did nothing but sing with the orchestra for six months, and then it was discovered that he could play the base fiddle, so he joined the orchestra as a singer and player.

Shortly after this he received an offer to do a fifteen minute sustaining broadcast on Station WEEI in Boston, which he accepted. While on this program he was offered a contract by Mal Hallett, one of America's leading dance orchestras. He joined the orchestra as a singer, arranger, and understudy to the regular bass fiddle player.

The daily routine of the band was as follows: about 800 p.m. the band would tune and polish their instruments, read and practice their individual instruments alone. At 12:00 they would have dinner and then play from 12:30 until 2:00 for dinner dancing. At 2:30 the entire band would rehearse for two hours, and three times each week they would go to the recording station and make recordings. From this time until 8:00 p.m. they were free, and at 8:00 they would begin their nights playing. At 10:00 p.m. the band would play for a half hour over the N.B.C. network, and continue playing until 2:30 in the morning.

He has played in every one of the 48 states, in the Royal Arms Hotel in Montreal, and played at proms in many of the leading

SOPHS BEAT JUNIORS FOR INTRAMURAL TITLE, 18-12

The Sophomores defeated the Juniors 18-12 last Monday in the finals of the intra-mural touch football league. By virtue of this victory the Sophomores won the intra-mural championship in the sport. Last year, as Freshmen and Sophomores, the same two teams could not defeat each other as the two games came out ties.

Both teams played well, with the Sophomores winning on an intercepted lateral pass by John McCaffrey who raced thirty yards for the winning touchdown.

McCaffrey and Kendall were outstanding for the Sophomores and Bill Powers' long kicks featured the Juniors play.

colleges and universities in the country, including Cornell, Notre Dame, Harvard, Dartmouth, and Princeton.

He has met several of the leading band leaders and movie stars of the country. While at the Brown Derby in Hollywood Bing Crosby sang with the orchestra at a party given by Max Fletcher, the cartoonist.

The band was in Hollywood for one week and several of the prominent movie personalities were met by Capozzo.

Some weeks the band would only play four nights a week. During this time the whole band would sleep almost all day. Occasionally the band would attend a sports event en masse.

Capozzo left the band because he was tired of the life. He was only able to visit home once a month and at times it would stretch into a period of three months. He came to Fitchburg because it has been his ambition to be a shop teacher since he graduated from Worcester Trade School. He still occasionally plays with an orchestra in order to earn money.

NEW GAVS INITIATED ON TRIP TO MT. MONADNOCK

The Gaveleer Society held an outing at Camp Wanocksett, Mt. Monadnock, during the Armis-Sponsor C. Blair McLean, the tice Day week end. Aided by members enjoyed football, canoeing, mountain-climbing, and many other activities. Neophytes Boyce, Galbraith, Hakala, Labenski, O'Neil and Wood entertained with a presentation of Shakespeare's immortal "J. Caesar," and group singing.

This meeting of the oldest fraternal organization on the campus was the first in a series of degrees of Neophyte initiation. The new members were spared the paddle until a later date.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN BY FRESHMEN

In the past few weeks the freshmen representatives to the commuting and dormitory boards have been elected.

The following students were elected to the various boards: Commuting Women—Constance Riley; Commuting Men—Sumner Whitetone; Dormitory Women—Muriel Healey; Dormitory Men—Alfred Riggs.

Newspaper Conference

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ident of the Association for the coming year. It was voted that Framingham would sponsor the spring conference. E. Dave Levenson of Bridgewater, president of the Association presided at the meeting.

In the evening a banquet was held, at which further business was discussed. A semi-formal dance closed the conference.

WANTED—Frosh girl to act as cheerleader. See Jane Lane as soon as possible. Experience not necessary.

HANS HELMS IN UNUSUAL PROGRAM AT ASSEMBLY

Mr. Hans Helmes, noted entertainer, presented, by the use of his vocal chords an amazing program of instrumental imitations at our assembly last Tuesday. One of Bob Riply's "Believe-it-or-not" attractions, Mr. Helmes, by means of his hobby, has not only educated himself, aged millions of people.

Dr. Percival introduced the entertainer and Fred Shultz delivered the Governors Proclamation.

Soccer Team

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state won decisive victories over Fitchburg.

The positions and number of goals are as follows: R.F. Perry (0), I.F. Sullivan (0), R.H. Miller (0), C.H. Capt. Shinner (1), L.H. Cunningham (1), O.R. James (0), I.R. Kitchen (3), C.F. Amsler (3), I.L. Smith (3), O.L. Konsavage (1).

DEBATING TEAM HAS CONTEST WITH SALEM

The F.T.C. debating team debated the Salem Teachers College team yesterday morning on the subject, "Resolved—That Certification of Teachers is Desirable". Fitchburg was represented by Raymond Farquhar, John McCaffrey, and Claire Andrews.

"The Barretts"

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ius, T. Richard Kelliher, as Capt. Surtees Cook, Ralph Gray, as Kenyon, Sirkka Waris, as Arabel, Frank Onischuck, as George, Jean Fitch, as Miss Mitford, and Eileen O'Neil, as Milly.

The success of the play was due in large measure to the skillful direction and tireless efforts of Miss Belle Nixon, Club sponsor. She may be proud of the fine work done by her cast and herself.

MOHAWKS INITIATE NEW MEMBERS; TO TAKE TRIP

Twelve new members of the Mohawk Club were formally initiated last Tuesday night in the Men's Smoking Room of the Administration Building. The initiation was planned and directed the club as his whole committee.

After the initiation the Mohawk Ritual was held with all the members taking part. The new members were then formally introduced to the officers of the club, Chet Smith, Gill Berry, Jesse James, and Tony Tasca.

Early this evening the club will leave for Mt. Monadnock to climax their initiation program. They will stay at Camp Wonoxet, the Leominster Boy Scout Camp, at the base of the mountain.

Council Budgets

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reserve fund.

The new system will lessen the need for a large reserve fund because the organizations will not know their amount of money until the fall, instead of knowing it in the spring.

The percents that the various organizations and activities received this year from the council are as follows: Men's A.A.—24, Women's A.A.—8, Debating Club—1, Orchestra—2, Dramatic Club—4.3, Glee Club—4.3, Miller Hall—1.2, Palmer Hall—1.2, Commuting Men's Assoc.—1.2, Commuting Women's Assoc.—1.2, Keeping of Council Books—4, (Gav-Hawk) Presentation—3.1, Senior Class Gift—4, Miscellaneous—2.26, Assemblies—3, Tuesday Night Dances—4, State Conference—5, Commencement—1.9, New York Conference—1.6, Banquets—6, Saxifrage—11, Freshman Class—1.8, Sophomore Class—2.6, Junior Class—7.5, Senior Class—5.14, Art Club—5, Stick—5.3.